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EDITORIAL

It is a good thing at this time, just ior to the spring meetings of our rious district associations, to be con- dering some of the vital matters that e now confronting us as a denomi- tion.

A recent communication from na- nal headquarters informs us that ere seems to be developing a senti- nt in favor of a change of emphasis our plans for promotion. This ange of emphasis may be best ex- essed, perhaps, in a phrase coming m Superintendent Baird of Wash- gton, to the effect that "you can soft dal with advantage most of the or- nizational activities that tell the ople how to do it, and devote your ne to getting the people to want do it."

The common sense involved in this oposed change of emphasis is evi- nt, and is sure to make a strong peal to the pastors and churches; r it places the responsiility for the ccess of our promotional plans ere it properly belongs—with the ople themselves.

Another responsibility rests upon e denominational leaders, namely, e wise use of every available means r making the people acquainted with at our missionaries, home and for- gn, are doing, thus keeping the re- ious interests in our churches alive. Dr. Charles C. Merrill's statement of e underlying philosophy and some the main features of the 1927 plan promotion, as recommended by the omotional Council, is both illumi- ting and reassuring.

He suggests that we swing out on calm confidence that if the people ow and understand, they will give; at we must therefore consider that is our chief mission to help them know and to understand; in other ords, that it is the chief task of omotion to arouse interest based on owledge, and that this arousing and epening of interest must determine r whole plan of procedure.

He thinks it will help if we will co- erate with the Commission on Evan- lism in dealing radically with fun- mental religious conditions in the urches to the end that there shall an entirely new sense of convic- on with regard, first, to the desperate ed of our world for the Gospel of sus, and with regard, second, to the lequacy of the Gospel to meet the ed of the world.

This is a matter that needs to be nsidered locally, because it is not ssible that the local church can be ached by any one plan which might suggested for all the churches uni- rmly, or by a plan which could be nsidered as applicable to the urches throughout the country. It to be hoped, therefore, that each our local associations will give ance for an exchange of ideas upon e whole plan of promotion. And may be done in the spirit of these sig- ficant words from Dr. Merrill:

"We are in the midst of a shift om a religion of authority to a re- gion of the spirit, and no one of us n ease the meaning of that shift. suspect that most of us are only part freed for the religion of the irit. If this be true of us, how uch more is it true of the mass of e people in the churches and in e country.

"Now while this transition is tak- g place, while we are getting our earings again, and are, if you please, once more driving down our stakes, it is imperative for us to understand once more experimentally the value of prayer. We have been engaged in thinking through from the intellectual standpoint the problems of our religion. The prevailing preaching in Congregational pulpits today is probably of an intellectual cast, or else it is of an ethical cast. For along with our effort to think through the problems of religion we have been making a more resolute effort, perhaps, than any preceding generation to apply our religion to the life of our day. But in the midst of doing these things one fears that we have allowed the life of that personal contact with God which comes through prayer, and which was so marked a feature of the earthly life of Jesus, to be submerged and lost.

"One wonders sometimes why those of us who are so concerned that the ethics of Jesus shall be followed in our generation, are not equally concerned that what gave dynamic to the ethics of Jesus in his personal life, namely, the fact that his personal contact with God was so keen and vital, and that he took to prayer so often and at such supreme moments, is not equally stressed.

"If we, who are charged with responsibility for the conduct of denominational affairs, are in the right sense of the word men and women of prayer, if our pastors are men of prayer, if the rank and file of our churches shall learn once more to pray, there is no question about the future of religion in our time. We can safely think deeply about religion because we will have some religion to think about. We can safely go to the limit in applying religion to the life of the day because we will have some religion to apply, and because we will have some religion to apply, and because we will have the spirit in which the ethics of Jesus may be applied.

"I can conceive of nothing that will tend to assure more really the right attitude toward missions than the habit of praying daily for definite missionaries or for definite men who are leading in our missionary work. Alongside of prayer as a means of saving religion in our day we must put missions. That is to say, a Christianity that is essentially missionary may be radically liberal on the intellectual side and radically liberal on the ethical side, but it will not essentially go astray."

OUR ANNUAL STATISTICS

As we go to press we are sending forth the sheets for the Year Book. We will show a total membership of 17,883 against 17,385 in 1925, a gain of 498; with Nevada's gain of 15, our gain is 513. Our gain the year before was 404. It is a small percentage of gain, but about the ratio of our national gain.

Our additions were 1039 on confession against 1055 the year before. Our removals by revision were 643 in 1926 and 877 in 1925, and we had 199 removals by death as against 182 the previous year. Our total removals were 1342 as compared with 1496 in the year 1925.

Our largest accessions during the year are Free Cross Fresno, 250; Oakland First, 142; Sacramento, 120; Berkeley First, 102; Pittsburg, 82; Redwood City, 69; Pilgrim, Oakland, 65; Antioch, 47; Fresno, First, 40. Many of our smaller churches made good showings but we cannot print the entire list.

It is too early to report the full benevolent contributions. Reports arrived March 7th from the East that will require much checking, covering some $3,500.00 and involving 90 churches. Similar lists are yet to come, but the present outlook is for about the same amount as we contributed the year before. The office task will be greatly simplified another year. We are all distressed in not being able to know our actual condition until May or June.

SEND ALL BENEVOLENCE MONEY TO CONFERENCE OFFICE

We are now completing the information for the Year Book that will be issued in May or June. For this issue the benevolence figures are assembled in the National Council office and at intervals trickle back to us. From now on, including all funds from January 10th, the tabulations are to be made in each Conference office. We, at 421 Phelan building will be held responsible for the record in the Year Book. Therefore, please send all your benevolences, designated or undesignated, that counts on the apportionment to us with careful instructions as to the disposition of the same. We will work for a perfect record. We cannot get it without co-operation.

The distribution this year will be made on a three percentage basis, namely, 30 per cent for foreign work, 18 per cent for homeland work outside Northern California and 52 per cent for Northern California, including all work done in our Conference, except such as is done under the Education Society.

If these instructions are observed, we should be able to give complete accounting at request. As it has been in the past, we have no information or late information on 13 to 14 per cent of the total funds. We will continue to report the monthly receipts and distributions in The Pacific.

MORE MERGER—IMPORTANT!

Our next number may announce a new departure in the history of The Pacific. During the past few years the conferences of Northern and Southern California have been working out a technic of co-operation that has been most gratifying to the superintendents and their respective groups. It is now proposed that we share jointly in the production of this paper, making it an all-California Congregational news sheet. It will be this essentially, and not in any sense an organ of opinion.

If all works well, the next issue will launch the project and our friends of the south, resident in the north, will welcome the news from that section. We sincerely trust that our subscription list will now go to 2000. The price will probably remain as it is, 25 cents a year, though we may be more exacting in the collections or in cancelling the subscription. We believe that Southern California will set us a pace in subscriptions that will challenge us. We hope that they will challenge us in the quantity and quality of news. We are assured of hearty co-operation in this new enterprise and believe that it will do much for California Congregationalism.

OMAHA COUNCIL

Prospects are good for a large delegation to the National Council meeting in Omaha, May 25-June 1. Superintendent Minchin is in charge of the Pacific Coast arrangements for getting a consolidated Pullman service from Ogden to Omaha over Union Pacific, and all correspondence relative to space in a special council car should be addressed to him promptly.

Special summer tourist rates are available Sunday, May 22, not earlier. The official train from San Francisco will be the Southern Pacific "Pacific Limited," leaving San Francisco 4:00 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, and reaching Omaha Wednesday morning at 2:05 A. M. Those using the special car that will be dropped at Omaha, may use their berths until 8:00 A. M.

The special summer tourist rate will be $75.60 round trip from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland or Seattle. Lower Pullman berths from above points will be $19.88 one way. The travel fund of the council will probably refund about $50.00 of travel expense to duly accredited delegates. All delegated must be elected before leaving the State.

These summer tourist rates will give optional return privileges so that those wishing to return by way of the Grand Canyon may use the Santa Fe and those wishing to see the Feather River Canyon may use the Western Pacific going or returning, but in order to get the Consolidated Pullman service at Ogden, will need to leave on going trip, at 9:20 A. M., Sunday morning, May 22nd.

The Conference office has a schedule of rates for points east of Omaha and also contacts with railroad officials that will secure all needed information on inquiry.

The delegates are: Conference—Rev. H. F. Swartz, Mr. David H. Dexter. Bay Association—Dr. O. W. S. McCall, Mrs. W. W. Ferrier, Mrs. H. F. Schwartz. Central Association—Rev. C. H. Stevens. German Association—Rev. T. T. Giffen. Modoc Association—Rev. J. R. Shoemaker. San Joaquin Association—Rev. M. G. Papazian. Santa Clara Association—Rev. Charles L. Kloss Sonoma Association —Miss Nellie Denman.

Vacancies to be filled: Sacramento Valley Association, Upper Bay Association.

There are a number who wish to attend and who will welcome delegate privileges if above delegates are not planning to attend.

The Town and Country Department of the Congregational Extension Board is gathering material for a Country Life Manual of Praise and Prayer. Will you lend your assistance by giving us the following information—any or all!

(1) Your favorite poem or poems of country life.

(2) Your favorite Hymn or Hymns of country life.

(3) Your favorite prayer with country life or nature imagery, expression or reference.

(4) Your favorite passage of scripture of similar character.

If possible, give name of collections where the above (1-3) are found, authors, tunes, etc.

Please send material to Malcolm Dana, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

BAPTISMS AT THE DOSHISHA GIRLS' SCHOOL, KYOTO, JAPAN

(Editor's Note: In a letter dated January 20, 1927, Miss Gwinn writes about a spiritual movement among the students. She says):

The baptismal service will be tomorrow and while I do not know the exact number, there will be between two and three hundred baptised. That may sound like a mass movement, but you must remember we have about 4500 in the school. The meetings have been of a very wholesome type I think, warmly evangelistic with the emphasis on a life of service and no immediate appeal after any of the meetings for decisions. Those who wanted to inquire further were asked to stay each time and special meetings and talks for them were arranged. From the girls' college there will be about eighty and from the academy about ninety I think. Before they are baptized and received into the church they are asked to give a confession of their faith and experience. I was deeply impressed with a number of things. One was the unity of all Christian work, Sunday School as a child, a Christian friend or teacher, and English Bible class, a Christian home, where some of the experiences mentioned out of which the first interest in Christianity came and many of them mentioned the influence of the dormitory prayers and the morning chapel service. There were those who because they had felt that man must have religion, chose this school because it is known as a Christian school. I have been struck more and more with the place which the Doshisha holds in Japan. The name of Neesima is nearly always linked with it and while little may be known about the school in detail, it stands in the minds of the Japanese for Christian Education. And what a blessing it is to the school to have had such a founder! His spirit does indeed still live and work in the school. Mr. Horii, who has been conducting the meetings, was in one of the early classes to graduate from the Doshisha and was himself baptised by Neeshima. He has given many interesting reminescences and has constantly emphasized the spirit of sacrifice and service and love which move Neeshima.

Among those who are to be baptised tomorrow are a number of the teachers. And the feeling among the leaders seems to be that this is only the beginning, that the real movement is "from now on." There will be more girls baptised than boys. As I look at the situation here, it is not because the girls are moved more easily, but because they have had more real Christian nurture and a better background for such an appeal as has been made to them. The number from the dormitories is proportionately far larger than that from the outside students.

One first year Academy girl wrote asking her parents for permission to be baptised. Her father wrote back that he was so glad she was becoming interested in religion, that that was the most important thing she could get from her school life but that while he had never talked very much to her about it, the religion of the family was Budhism and he wished she'd wait a little. Then when she came home for vacations he'd tell her more of what he thought and believed, and after that if she still wanted to become a Christian, he would gladly give his consent. While I've only heard of the one who has written in just this way, there are many others who, while not Christians themselves, have encouraged their children to become Christians.

On the other hand there are those who have had great difficulty in winning their parents' consent or who are going to be baptised in spite of opposition. That is the case with one of my Senior girls, who, since she was in the third year of the Academy (six years ago), has been wanting to be baptised and whose main reason for coming to college was that she might keep her contact with Christianity. Now she says that she feels she cannot graduate without being baptised and she is going to be, regardless of opposition. She is so happy to have really decided it at last.

Of course we realize that baptism is only the beginning of a Christian life and that there will still be struggles and reactions, but we have faith to believe that God has led us this far and will continue to lead us.

DR. ALMA COOKE ON HER WAY HOME

Word has just come to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions that Dr. Alma Cooke, a missionary physician at Lintsing, North China, is on her way home for her first furlough, arriving in Boston on March 6. After a few days at headquarters, she is planning to start West, stopping here and there for speaking engagements among the churches. After a brief stay in Cleveland, she expects to be in Utah March 19-23, then in Idaho for four days and she will spend the first two weeks in April in Washington. She goes, on April 15, to Oregon for several days and so on to her relatives in California. She will speak at the Washington Conference meeting in April.

The story of Dr. Cooke's service to China is well known by Pacific Coast women, who have supported her since she went out in 1920, after having received her training in the University of California, and in the best hospitals of San Francisco and Oakland. She has done heroic work in the Elizabeth Memorial Hospital at Lintsing. much of the time being the only American physician, although she had a Chinese man assistant. This is the only hospital in a region inhabited by 5,000,000 people. During the battles around Lintsing, two years or more ago, when nearly a hundred victims of Chinese bandits were suddenly brought to the hospital, Dr. Cooke had to care for them almost single-handed, operating day and night, in addition to all her regular hospital work and oversight. Dr. Cooke has come home by way of India, where she has spent some months studying tropical diseases, so she will not spend a full year in America.

THE LAUSANNE TREATY

Dr. Jelalian in the February number of The Pacific, writes as if final action regulating America's relations with Turkey have been taken. He says that the Lausanne Treaty has been "finally rejected," that America will "not condescend to negotiate any diplomatic or commercial agreement" with Turkey and then goes on to speak of the action as if it were a matter for profound satisfaction and thanksgiving. I presume a good many people will be inclined, at first glance, to agree with him. The Turk has too unsavory a reputation among Armenians and Americans generally to expect more rational dealing with present more hopeful realities.

I would like to point out one or two rather important facts which seem to be overlooked:

1. Nothing is final. Our Senate's action in favor of non-ratification does not, as Dr. Jelalian admits toward the close of his article, solve the real problem of America's relations with Turkey. The real problem remains to stare us in the face. The duty of statesmen is to find some positive answer to insistent difficulties, not to negotiate proposals when they have nothing more constructive to suggest.

2. There are always at least two parties to a treaty discussion. Turkey has already surprised some of her opponents by the spirit she has shown in the face of the rebuff of the American Senate. The tentative commercial treaty between Turkey and America has been renewed to take effect from February 18, 1927. The Turkish newspaper comments are distinctly favorable. The semi-official organ of the Angora government says that if Turkey were to undertake reprisals, she would only play into the hands of the enemies of Turkey in America, and that the best policy for the Turks is to return good for evil; that if American merchants desire more privileges, let them ask for them; that the American schools should receive favorable treatment.

3. The missionaries of the American Board in Turkey today, to whose predecessors Dr. Jelalian claims to owe so much, are endeavoring to mobilize loyalty throughout their constituency in America to the cause which first of all means greater light and life to many Armenians. There is room for wide differences of opinion as to many minor matters in respect to what such loyalty demands, but it is impossible to harmonize insistent racial prejudices with Jesus' spirit of love, even for the wrongdoers.—FRED FIELD GOODSELL.

"THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER" FOR 1927

Remarkable growth has marked the use of "The Fellowship of Prayer" since it was inaugurated eight years ago. The "Fellowship" is an interdenominational manual for daily devotions throughout the Lenten season. Each year an entirely new volume is issued.

The manual for 1927 was prepared under the direction of a committee representing nearly all the leading Protestant communions, the chairman being Rev. Charles Emerson Burton, D. D., general secretary of the National Council of the Congregational Churches in the United States.

"This 'Fellowship'," Dr. Burton states in a foreword, "is issued to aid us in sharing the thoughts, feelings and purposes of God by definitely exposing our minds, hearts and wills to spiritual realities as they are revealed in the Scripture, and especially as they appear in the mind, in the heart, in the life and death of Jesus Christ."

Approximately half a million copies of the manual were distributed last year. This year it appears probable that copies will be placed in nearly a million homes. Any pastor or church worker who desires a sample copy may receive it free on request to the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, 105 East 22nd street, New York City, or on request to the headquarters of his denomination's department or commission of evangelism.

This year as in the past the daily sections of the "Fellowship" will be a Lenten feature in many newspapers, and day by day it will be used by powerful broadcasting stations to lead hundreds of thousands in worship. It has also been sent to missionaries around the world and the globe will be encircled by a great host of disciples of our Lord Jesus daily reading or listening to the same passages of the Bible, thinking together the same fruitful thoughts and uniting their prayers to the same great ends.

The general theme for the "Fellowship" this year is "The Spiritual Life." The separate weekly themes are: "God Is a Spirit," "Man Is Spirit," "Christ Is a Spirit," "Spiritual Discernment," "Spiritual Intercourse," "Spiritual Struggle," and "The Triumphant Spirit."

The daily themes for the last week Passion or Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday and continuing to Easter Sunday, are: "Love Incarnate Resists Temptation," "Love Detects Subtle Sins," "Love Rises Above Treachery," "Love Finds Peace in the Midst of Anguish," "Love Triumphs Over Hatred," "Love Conquers Agony," "Love Reconciles God and Man," "Love Victorious Over Death."

A Bible passage on the theme for each day is printed in full and references are given to other passages. The scripture is followed by a brief comment or meditation; then a hymn is indicated. In concluding, objects for personal prayer are mentioned and there is a printed prayer or collect.

Suggestions for the use of "The Fellowship of Prayer" include that, in case of an individual, he should definitely set aside a few minutes each day when without interruption he can not only read but will be able also to meditate upon the matter presented for that day.

When the "Fellowship" is used by a family or a group, the father, mother or other leader should note the subject for the day and call attention to its position in the theme of the week and in the theme for the season.

DR. J. L. BARTON VISITS NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

This Conference welcomes Dr. Barton for a series of Association addresses during the week of May 15-21.

He will address a Forum at our Sacramento Church Sunday evening, the fifteenth, and the Associataion schedule is as follows:

Sacramento Valley—At Sacramento, May 16.

Central—At Lodi, Tuesday, May 17.

Santa Clara — At Redwood City, Thursday, May 19.

Bay—At Pilgrim, Oakland, Friday, May 20.

We regret that we could not route him for more of our Association gatherings. It is hoped that large delegations will attend these spring meetings.

WIRE FROM FOOCHOW

Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Storrs and children, mother of Mr. Frederic Scott left for home. Miss Nellie M. Walker, Miss Josephine C. Walker, Miss Leona L. Burr, Miss Jennie Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Rigg and children, Rev. and Mrs. Robert McClure and children, Rev. and Mrs. Harold E. LeMay and children. Dr. Louise Stee-Brooke Taipeh, Formosa. Miss Elizabeth S. Perkins has returned to our station (Foochow). Miss Elizabeth Cushman, Miss Mary B. Cushman will return in the few days. Consul advises all to leave. British consul advises not to leave.—(Signed) BEARD.

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MR. PRINCE'S RESIGNATION

Resolution adopted by the Conference Religious Education Committee connection with the resignation of . Prince:

Whereas, The Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young ople's Work learns with sincere regret of the resignation of the Rev. n C. Prince from his work on this ast in order to accept a call to the storate of the First Congregational urch of Muskegon, Michigan,

Resolved, That we place on record r sense of the fine spirit and high elligence with which Mr. Prince has nducted the work in his office for past two years. In the summer nferences, the book room, the office rrespondence, the visitation of urches and localities, and our representation in conference with other nominations, he has been a fine and ward-looking leader and a most lpful presence. His going from us ll leave a serious vacancy in our ork.

Resolved, That we congratulate the rst Church of Muskegon on its good rtune in obtaining Mr. Prince as ader, and we anticipate for him and r them a happy and successful pasrate.

Resolved, That a copy of these resotions be spread upon our minutes, pies be sent to the Muskegon church id to Dr. Herbert W. Gates, secrery of the Congregational Education ociety, and that they be printed in he Pacific."

VACATION SCHOOLS

The Vacation Church School is a mmer school conducted for the purose of religious education. It supements the Sunday School work and aches unchurched children at a time hen they have nothing in particular do. More real religious education often supplied in four weeks rough such schools than a child reives otherwise in a whole year.

The schools are usually held during e mornings of five days a week for ur or five weeks. Provision is usually ade for beginners, primary and nior children. A school may be perated by a single church or by several churches co-operating. Wherever ossible the co-operative community chool is desirable. The expenses deend upon the amount of volunteer ervice secured. It is generally wise o pay the teachers. Salaries range rom 50 cents to $3 per day. If all ervice is contributed the cost has een kept as low as $25 for 100 children.

To organize a school a competent committee should be secured. The committee should appoint a principal. With the principal's advice teachers nd supervisors should be selected for he various departments and classes. The program will include worship, Bible stories, missionary stories, habit talks, memory work, expressional activity, music, hand work and recreation. The equipment required is a separate room for each grade, a place for recreation, the textbooks for instructors and inexpensive work material for pupils.

The expenses may be met by being included in the church budget, private subscription, charging a tuition or taking a special offering in the church on a definitely announced Sunday preceding the opening of the school. Sometimes one of the societies of the church assumes the expense.

Courses of study and program material are provided by various church publishing houses. The Pilgrim Press issues the Mayflower Books, the Junior Citizen, Knights of Anytown, etc. The Standard Publishing Company has an excellent set of textbooks which are most usable. One of the best handbooks on organization and administration is "How to conduct a Vacation Church School," by Gage. For information and prices about courses of study write the Pilgrim Press, 19 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CONFERENCE

The dates are August 1 to 8. The Conference will be held at Asilomar simultaneously with the annual conference of churches. The registration fee and cost of entertainment will be the same as last year. The same general outline of program will be followed. Classes will be provided for those of high school and college ages. The courses are so planned as to cover a curriculum of two years for high school and two years for college students. Delegates must have completed at least the ninth grade in the public schools.

On account of the resignation of Rev. John C. Prince as secretary, the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work has appointed Rev. J. C. Holmes as secretary ad interim. This action is contingent on confirmatory action by the Santa Rosa Church, of which Mr. Holmes is pastor, and by the Conference trustees. Mr. Holmes will serve as registrar of the Young People's Conference in charge of promotion of registration, and as chairman of the Committee on Arrangements. Rev. R. C. Waddell has been appointed dean of the faculty, Dr. Josephine Kennedy as counselor for women, and Mr. Holmes counselor for men.

The proposed plans for a meeting of the National Young People's Committee at Omaha in connection with the National Council has been given up, so the Conference will not need to send a delegate. Contributions made for this purpose have been returned to the givers with the suggestion that these funds be used to assist in sending delegates to the Summer Conference.

A NEW SET OF SLIDES

We have just received a new set of slides from the American Missionary Association, "Climbing Jacob's Ladder." We already have on hand two other sets, "The Far East in the Near West," and "Seventy-five Years of Americanization." Dr. Cady wants to know if we want any of their other slides. If you are interested in any particular phase of the A. M. A. work, please let us know so we can supply your wants.

List of Slides in San Francisco Office

GENERAL:
- The American Board.
- Buddhism.
- Beyond the Pyrenees.
- Congregational Shrines.
- Hinduism.
- The Ministry of Healing.

AFRICA:
- The Forward March of the Zulus
- The Black Man in White Man's Africa.
- In the Heart of Angola.
- Through Gazaland and Mashonaland.
- Trekking Across Rhodesia.
- African Trails.

TURKEY:
- The American Board in the New Near East.

INDIA:
- Awakaned India.
- Madura and Its Missions.
- Under Ceylon's Palms.
- Village Life in India.

CHINA:
- In Far Shansi.
- China's Great Day.
- Tientsin: Where East Meets West.
- The Upward Trail in Shaowu.

JAPAN:
- Japan: The Land of the Lotus Flower.
- Springtime in Japan.

MEXICO:
- Beyond the Rio Grande.

PACIFIC ISLANDS:
- Coral Islands of the Pacific.
- Thrilling Tale of the Philippines.
- Voyaging Among the Philippines.

ILLUSTRATED HYMNS:
- America the Beautiful.
- My Country, 'Tis of Thee.
- Greenland's Icy Mountains.

A. M. A. SLIDES:
- Climbing Jacob's Ladder.
- The Near East in the Far West.
- Seventy-five Years of Americanization.

GENERAL:
- Stewardship.
- Our Children in Every Land.
- World-Wide Work of Congregational Women.
- Lure of Alaska.
- Foregleams of Liberty.
- Pioneers of Congregationalism.
- Pilgrims in the Wilderness.
- The Outreach of My Church.

W. B. M. P.:
- Our Work.

Other Slides on the Pacific Coast

(Let us know what you would like, so we can effect an exchange)

- English Shrines, or How Christianity Came to Our Forefathers.
- Mohammedanism.
- With the Boys and Girls Abroad.
- Four Thousand Miles Through Africa.
- Glimpses in the Marathi Mission.
- Beautiful Foochow.
- Up the Min to Shaowu.
- Farm, Field and Factory and the Way of Christian Progress in Japan.

Besides these listed, we have about fifty hymn slides. Possibly your favorite may be among them.

GOING, GOING, ?

What are? Why, the Turkey slides, of course. There is a chance for three others to get in on this set, for the last three Sundays in April. If necessary we could keep it a week longer. But we must be generous with these new slides and use them quickly so that others can have them. Dr. Goodsell showed them in Southern California for two months, we have alloted them to our Conference for three months and that leaves only three months for the northern groups to have them during the time of most interest, while the mission study is on the Moslem world.

Who is most interested, and which date do you prefer?

AN AFTERNOON CALL

I called on one of our church ladies the other day, and in the course of our conversation she asked me why it was that their missionary meetings were so lifeless. She said that when she attended the Presbyterian Church their missionary meetings were so interesting, that the ladies were on tiptoe to talk, and that everyone knew so much about the missionaries. They even had a book which told about the fields and gave the name of a missionary to pray for every day. She thought the Congregationalists were missing something. I said: "But we have such a book, too. The Year Book of Missions, which lists every missionary on the foreign field, and gives a prayer calendar for the year, besides a report of each field served by the American Board." And my friend said, "Why don't we know about it, then? Here I have been a member of the Congregational Church for a number of years, and this is the first I have heard of our having such a book. Where can I get a copy?"

These books can be obtained from the Conference office, or in case of large churches, the mission secretary of the women's organization usually gets a number to distribute to the members who desire one. They cost 25 cents a copy.

BENEVOLENCES

Jan. 11-Feb. 28, 1927

Alturas	$ 15.00
Antioch	20.00
Berkeley First	1,066.67
Berkeley North	170.77
Ceres	75.00
Cloverdale	35.00
Cotati	41.37
Crockett	29.65
Ferndale	12.50
Fresno First	69.87
Grass Valley	16.16
Martinez	95.74
Oakland First	1,424.42
Oakland Fruitvale	21.00
Oakland Plymouth	170.52
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MISSIONARIES HERE AND EXPECTED

We have with us Dr. Fred F. Goodsell, Dr. Obed S. Johnson, Elmer W. Galt, Robert B. Whitaker, Clarence A. Neff, Miss Eunice Thomas, Francis M. Price, and we have word that Dr. Alma Cooke will be in the Northwest two months, reaching Northern California early in May.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

March 21—Upper Bay at Rio Vista.
March 21—Sonoma at Guerneville.
May 16—Sacramento Valley at Sacramento.
May 17—Central at Lodi.
May 19—Santa Clara at Redwood City.
May 20—Bay at New Pilgrim, Oakland.

BERKELEY—NORTH

"California and Its Religious Development" will be the subject of discussion at the mid-week gatherings at the North Congregational Church, Walnut and Cedar streets, for hte next four weeks. The topic for this week's forum, will be, "The Discovery and Early Settlement of California," and "The Founding of the Missions."

The meeting will open with a devotional service led by the pastor, Rev. W. B. Williams. The program will include the following talks: "The Discovery and Early Settlement of California" by Frank M. May; "Our First Constitutional Convention as seen by Dr. S. H. Willey," by Mrs. L. Dee Smith; "The Romance of the Early Mission," by Rev. Ben F. Sargent; "What Makes the Stat Truly Great?" by George S. Martin, secretary of the Navy Y. M. C. A. The program will include two solos, "California Golden Sandled," and "Thy Kingdom Come" by Miss Edna Miller.

The subjects to be taken up the following Wednesday evenings are: March 16, "Pioneer Work in California"; March 23, "Frontier and Rural Work in California"; March 30, "International Evening Work with Foreign Speaking Groups."

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SAN FRANCISCO-RICHMOND

Friday evening, February 18th, the Richmond Congregational Church of San Francisco had a wonderful party. The occasion was the welcoming of their new pastor, the Rev. William Rader, D.D., and his wife and daughter. About one hundred people were present when the company was called to order by Mr. Samuel J. Jones, chairman of the Board of Trustees. An attractive program delighted the audience and was participated in by Mrs. Staples and Mr. Morris, who each sang a solo and together a duet; Mr. Robert W. Jones a baritone solo; Mrs. Samuel J. Jones a reading, "Catherine," from Henry the Eighth; and the Misses Elsie Parnell and Doris Ratcliff a playlet, a really wonderful little high-class vaudeville.

The folks were then invited into the Gymnasium Hall, where a chicken and ice-cream supper was served by the ladies of the "Friendly Club," well named, for the good cheer of the ladies added greatly to the happiness of the guests. After dinner speeches were made by Mr. Ernest H. Dettner, representing the First Church; Rev. W. J. Owen for the Ashbury Methodist Church; Mr. Charles Hoehn of Lincoln Presbyterian Church; and Rev. G. A. Charnock representing all the Congregational ministers who could not be present. Colonel T. B. Lamoreux felicitiously complimented Mrs. Rader in the presentation of a beautiful bouquet of roses; Mr. Samuel Jones presented Mrs. William Finch with a check from the Church in recognition of valued service; Mrs. C. H. Hillhouse made the speech of the evening in the fewest words; and Dr. Rader was presented with two beautiful books.

Dr. Rader, in his usual fascinating style, responded to all the speeches of welcome and to the universally expressed compliments and good wishes. He congratulated the church on progress already made and confidently predicted a large constructive work for the future. He felt this would be his last pastorate and with God's help was going to make it the most consecrated.

It was a great evening, long to be remembered and enjoyed. A great community—a wonderful church—a gifted and experienced minister—argues that great things will surely come to pass.

BIG CREEK

Rev. George E. Atkinson of Ceres spent the last week of February at Big Creek. During the eight days he was there he held twelve speaking services. Although this group have not had church services for some time, they have kept up the Sunday School, and appreciate services occasionally, although they cannot support a minister regularly. Mr. Atkinson arrived in Big Creek just after the tragic slide, while some of the men were in the hospital and a few others not yet located, at a time when the people needed such services as he could render and were anxious for his ministry. He feels that his week there was well spent.

Campbell—A visit to the Campbell Congregational Church would reveal the splendid loyalty with which the people are supporting Mr. Bennett, the newly-elected minister, whose arrival from service in English Congregationalism was recently reported in The Pacific.

A glance at the weekly bulletin now issued by the church reveals a number of new ideas which apparently are being well received by the people. A morning nursery for children so as to allow mothers to worship, has been started and is staffed by the younger women. Also a men's open forum each Thursday promises to become a great feature. The evening service, we understand, has been started and the church is well filled.

Mr. Bennett has also entered into the business and town life and has already made many friends. It is confidently felt that as soon as Mr. Bennett has returned from England with his family, a very happy ministry should follow. He sails for England for a two months' vacation on April 17.

Ceres—The pastor has just returned from a trip to Big Creek and finds it is a good thing to leave home at times. While absent, the platform in the church was enlarged and a fine new carpet put down; money was raised for new curtains and fixtures for the parish house; the young people finished putting wire netting around their new tennis court, and a storm sewer was put in at the church, thus doing away with an inland lake after rains. Mr. Atkinson believes it is fine to be pastor of a church that keeps things going in his absence.

CLOVERDALE

The church at Cloverdale is fortunate in its pastoral leadership. There is evidence on every hand of the fact that experience and energy are being linked together in that field. The people say that their present condition is due to the hard work that is being done by the pastor and his efficient wife. Under their leadership a promising group of young people is being brought into the church activities. The pastor's class of high school students seem alert and interested, and the junior choir which furnishes the music in the evening service is doing excellent service under the guidance of Mrs. Rathbone.

DINUBA

Due to faulty construction, the church roof has settled so that the city building inspector closed the building to all services. Pastor Richard O. Schuetze finds the people most discouraged, as the building is but eight years old and much money and labor had been put into its construction. Contractors are hoping to make some temporary repairs that will permit use of building.

NEW BOOKS

Recreational Leadership of Boys, by William Ralph LaPorte. In the Series: Training Courses for Leadership. 137 pages, price 75 cents, plus postage. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

Good Times for Boys, a manual for the practical conduct of recreational activities for boys, by William Ralph LaPorte. 80 pages, price 60 cents, plus postage. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

"Makers of a New World," by Jay S. Stowell, in the series: Elective courses for Intermediates. 167 pages; price 75c, plus postage. Methodist Book Concern, New York.

"The Gospel of Opportunity," ventures in the interpretation of the gospel of Jesus, by Charles E. Schofield. 189 pages; price $1.25. The Abingdon Press, New York.

"The Interpreter's House," by Charles Nelson Pace. 178 pages; price $1.00. The Abingdon Press, New York.

"Revival Gems, No. 2," 70 hymns; price 10c. Samuel W. Beazley & Sons, Chicago, Ill. Contains most of the old favorites like "Rock of Ages," "Nearer My God to Thee," "Just As I Am," "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me," "O, Happy Day," "Softly and Tenderly," "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

"Christ and the Problems of Youth," by John M. Versteeg. The Abingdon Press. The little volume is a collection of essays, originally delivered as talks at young people's gatherings, distinctively devotional in aim. The author is committed to the maxim that Christ is the hope of the world and the hope of youth. He gathers his thoughts around six centers: Christ and Youth, Christ and Our Decisions, Christ and the Body, Christ and Truth, Christ and Progress, Christ and Our Task. The style is epigrammatic. Here are a few out of many sparkling sentences:

"His was not the wisdom of age, but the wisdom of ages."

"The lyric of Christ's life is the epic of God's love."

"Himself a youth, surrounded by youth, He eagerly administered to youth."

"Truth is attained rather than obtained."

"The Bible is not the last word God has to say. He says a much higher word to us in Jesus Christ . . . the Christ of experience, the living, eternal Christ, who enters into our lives, and leads us out and on and up."

"Some things can not be rushed. Growth is a slow process. Knowledge does not come overnight. Character takes time."

"The chief danger of speed is not in motion, but in emotion."

It is a suggestive volume.

"Out of Their Own Mouths," by Oscar M. Buck. Methodist Book Concern; 75c. A most interesting and informative book for young folks, study groups and in attractive form. We sail the great seas in the "Search"; visit strange lands and peoples with the idea of seeing religion and worship in every-day life. The world becomes a changing background of wonderful pageants. Through an open gateway we are able to see pilgrims at a famous shrine in the Kingdom of Sunrise; we visit a Confucian at home and hear his wise words about building for life; we interview travelers on the highway of that "incorrigibly religious" land, India; attend a service in a mosque; see strange doings in Africa and visit Rome to see the Scala Santa. It is interesting to let religions speak for themselves and to visit Greek, Roman and other churches. A valuable final chapter deals with the Universal Christ, while the questions following each chapter will prove of considerable interest for discussion purposes.

"My Gray Gull and Other Essays," by M. V. Kelley. Abingdon Press $1.50. Essays touching upon the great realities of life, "The Religion of Life—A Business Man's Philosophy," "The Watermark," etc. Illustrations scattered lavishly reveal a long and active Christian life, with many interesting reminiscences. The writer draws upon a wide experience of literature. His faith is definitely declared and leaves one in no doubt as to himself. All people with red hair should read the last essay on the "Ethics of Ridicule."

NEWS NOTES

Rev. T. Hori of Honolulu has been conducting an evangelistic campaign in Japan to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the church in connection with Doshisha University, Kyota, Japan. Mr. Hori entered the Christian work in 1876, the year that Doshisha church was founded. He is a graduate of Doshisha University and was an honored guest at the celebration of the jubilee.

The Hawaiian Evangelical Association has appointed Rev. P. E. Huyler, formerly of Hilo, Hawaii, as pastor at large for the Island of Oahu.

Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, the son of Prof. J. W. Buckham of the Pacific School of Religion, has been appointed director of Religious Education for the Hawaiian Evangelical Association. He assisted in a quarterly conference of the Board's workers in Honolulu, January 20.

Rev. Stephen G. Mark, formerly connected with the Chinese churches in Mexicali and San Francisco, is now pastor of the Second Chinese Church in Honolulu. He is conducting vesper services in English besides the regular morning service in Chinese. Recently, he made a strong address before the regular meeting of the Hawaiian Board.

The Chinese Christian Students' Association with whom the American Missionary Association is co-operating in work for the younger Chinese has recently organized a series of monthly Chinese-Japanese Friendship Meetings in the University of California bringing together the students of both countries to promote acquaintance and discuss the problems of the second generation Orientals in America.

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A small party is being organized and will be accompanied by REV. THOMAS T. GRIFFEN Pastor Congregational Church Fresno, California

Details sent on request to people interested